

More questions?

- Call 1-208-334-5747 and ask for the school-based services policy.
- Call IPUL (Idaho Parents Unlimited) 1-800-242-4785.

How can I help?

- Participate in the IEP process.
- Ask if your school bills Medicaid.
- Provide your child's Medicaid number and the name of your child's doctor to the school. If your child is enrolled in the Healthy Connections Program, let the school know.
- Assure that your child sees a doctor for the annual "well-check" check-up.
- Make sure your school has a signed copy of an authorization for release of information to your doctor.

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Special Education for my child



How can Medicaid help?



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Special Education/Health Related Services for my child

Medicaid and school districts work to provide services to students with disabilities

PL 94-142, 1975, mandates that children with disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate public education. The Individual Education Plan (IEP) must specify all services needed by each child.

Senate Report 94-168, 1975, allows school districts to use other funding sources such as Medicaid.

In 1993, Idaho Medicaid worked with the Idaho Department of Education to facilitate rules for school districts to access federal Medicaid funding for those health related services that are identified in the IEP.

If your child is Medicaid eligible, your school district must get your consent to release identifiable information from your child's IEP, when claims are sent to Medicaid. Your student's information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

What services are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement?

"School-based services" include:

- Speech/Language and Hearing Services
- Occupational/Physical Therapy
- Psychological Testing & Therapy
- Nursing Services
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Durable Medical Equipment, such as standers and communication devices
- Personal Care Services
- Developmental Therapy
- Intensive Behavioral Intervention
- Transportation

Frequently asked questions

• How much will it cost me?

There is NO cost to you! Your child is entitled to a free and appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

• How are services outside the school affected?

Your child will not be denied services, if the services are medically necessary. Services will not count toward limits for services provided outside the school.

• Which of my child's services will be billed to Medicaid?

Only those services that are Medicaid reimbursable and identified on the IEP will be billed to Medicaid. The school needs your consent to bill Medicaid for services.

• Are there limitations to the services my child can receive?

No. The frequency of services is determined by the IEP team.

• What if my child loses Medicaid?

Just let the school know. This should not affect the services your child receives.

• Who decides what services are medically necessary?

Necessary services are documented on the IEP, as recommendations at the IEP meeting.

• What if I have private insurance, too?

Your private insurance will not be affected by school-based services billing.

